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The latest 8 to 14 day outlook for the period July 25, 2005 through July 31, 2005, is calling for temperatures to average below normal and precipitation to total below normal.

Four inch soil temperatures averaged 75 degrees north, 76 degrees central, and 77 degrees south.

Weather Stations	Rainfall			Temperatures				Growing Degree Days 1/		Soil Moisture 2/
	Last Week	Since March 1		Last Week						
		Total	Dept.*	Max.	Min.	Avg.	Dept.*	Total	Dept.*	
<div>- Inches - - Degrees - - Base 50°F -</div>										
NORTH										
Belvidere Bridge	1.16	15.79	-1.97	92	61	77	4	1369	132	90
Canoe Brook	.69	17.41	-1.45	93	66	78	4	1566	326	80
Charlotteburg	.07	19.68	.64	88	59	75	5	1277	276	70
Flemington	1.61	22.34	4.16	90	65	78	4	1474	194	100
Newton	.09	16.15	-1.20	90	63	78	6	1396	294	71
CENTRAL										
Freehold	2.51	22.26	4.56	90	56	76	1	1471	89	99
Long Branch	1.30	20.38	2.75	92	64	76	2	1436	130	95
New Brunswick	2.29	21.84	4.32	92	66	78	3	1543	81	100
Toms River	2.36	21.95	4.00	92	62	77	3	1395	79	69
Trenton	.86	20.62	3.99	90	66	79	3	1550	27	73
SOUTH										
Cape May C.H.	1.25	18.26	2.63	90	67	78	2	1220	-183	96
Downtown	.51	16.25	-.05	91	64	79	3	1462	-74	63
Glassboro	.86	17.92	.56	92	66	80	4	1675	160	65
Hammonton	1.64	18.48	.71	92	64	80	4	1525	15	94
Pomona	.08	17.42	1.88	91	65	79	4	1423	23	43
Seabrook	.12	17.62	1.87	92	71	81	5	1700	157	52
South Harrison	4.10	22.17	4.67	91	66	79	NA	1583	NA	NA

*Departure from normal.
1/ Growing degree days since March 1, 2005, total and departure from normal or long term average.
2/ Estimated soil moisture as % of field capacity based on climate data.

Warm Temperatures Improve Field Crop Condition

Outdoor activities included cutting and baling hay, spraying, and harvesting vegetables. Days suitable for field work, for the week ending Sunday, July 17, 2005, were 5.0. Topsoil moisture was rated 70% adequate and 30% surplus. Irrigation water supply was rated 100% adequate. There were measurable amounts of rainfall in many parts of the state. Temperatures were above normal across most of the state. Planting of soybeans continued, while wheat harvest neared completion in the south. Second cutting of alfalfa hay was winding up in the southern district. Field crops rated in good condition across the state. Harvest of cucumbers, peppers, squash, sweet corn, and tomatoes continued in the south. Vegetables rated in mostly good condition. Fruit was rated in good condition in most localities. Pasture was rated in mostly fair to good condition.
